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In re Application of: Kanji NAKAMURA; Toshihiro UENO

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For: NUCLEIC ACID, NUCLEIC ACID FOR DETECTING CHLORINATED ETHYLENE-DECOMPOSING BACTERIA, PROBE, METHOD OF DETECTING CHLORINATED ETHYLENE-DECOMPOSING BACTERIA, AND METHOD OF DECOMPOSING CHLORINATED ETHYLENE OR ETHANE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2003, Applicants respond as follows: